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## **Successful Partnership of Local and International Organizations to Improve Energy Efficiency in Medical Facilities**

On Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 09:00 AM to 13:00 PM there will be an information seminar on Energy Efficiency in Budget Organizations of Bishkek. The seminar will be held in the conference hall of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Fuel Resources at 119 Akhunbaeva Str., 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

The objectives of the current energy efficiency programs in Bishkek's municipal and medical facilities will be presented at this seminar:

Municipal Energy Efficiency Project – "Energy Efficiency Plan for Municipal Buildings for 2006-2016"  
Health Energy Efficiency Project – "Revolving Fund for Energy Efficiency at Medical Facilities in Bishkek"

The following participants will take part in this seminar:

- Bishkek City Administration Office;
- Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mandatory Health Insurance Fund;
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID); and
- Norwegian Energy Efficiency program (ENSI / Demo Zone).

Representatives of international organizations working in the area of energy efficiency in Kyrgyzstan have also been invited to this seminar.

The program development and implementation partner, the Norwegian company ENSI AS, will present activities of the long-term Kyrgyz-Norwegian program "Energy Efficiency in Kyrgyzstan, Capacity Building."

The seminar participants will learn about the program principles and ideas and their organizational structures. This program was recommended to city administration and government officials as a tool to improve the situation and educate local building owners (municipality/ministry) in the direction of energy efficiency and savings, optimization of budget expenses, creation of effective system of energy, and building maintenance management. The participants will receive information on the results of current energy efficiency programs in Bishkek city.

The main goal of this seminar is to inform interested organizations about the status of the program and share the positive results of the mutual cooperation on energy efficiency to attract new partners.

This project is one of many assistance projects implemented in the Kyrgyz Republic by USAID on behalf of the American people. Since 1993 the American people through USAID have provided about \$400 million in assistance programs that support economic growth, democratic institutions, health care, and education systems in Kyrgyzstan.